Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 25 Feb 2021 until 23:59 on Friday 26 Feb 2021

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 24 Feb 2021 at 14:39 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for Thursday. High for settled conditions over the weekend and early next week, but low for cloud cover detail.

Headline for Thursday 25 Feb 2021: Cold and windy with snow showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 25 Feb 2021

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers	Light snow showers	Light snow	Fog
Precipitation probability							
40%	40%	50%	50%	50%	40%	40%	30%

Forecast for Thursday 25 Feb 2021

Weather: A few clear or sunny periods and some frequent snow or hail showers through the day, some of these on the heavy side. Showers dying out from the south later in the evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 60%. Clearest of the summits around Ben Wyvis and the Great Glen.

Visibility: Becoming poor as cloud lowers to 500 metres in or near snow showers, otherwise generally very good visibility with good air clarity.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	42/53 SW	43/55 SW	42/54 SW	38/50 SW	34/46 W	30/41 W	28/38 W	26/35 SW	26/35 SW
900	40/51 SW	41/53 SW	40/52 SW	36/48 SW	33/44 W	30/40 W	27/36 W	24/33 SW	24/33 SW
600	28/39 SW	29/41 SW	29/41 SW	26/38 SW	25/36 W	22/33 W	19/28 W	17/26 SW	16/25 SW
300	10/39 SW	11/39 SW	9/40 SW	10/38 SW	10/36 W	10/33 W	7/27 W	6/25 SW	5/22 SW
Glen	16/34 SW	14/30 SW	17/35 SW	15/31 SW	18/33 W	16/29 W	11/24 W	9/21 SW	7/19 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-10	-1/-9	-1/-9	-2/-10	-2/-10	-1/-9
900	0/-9	0/-9	-0/-9	-0/-8	0/-8	-0/-8	-1/-9	-1/-8	-1/-8
600	2/-4	2/-5	2/-5	2/-4	3/-4	2/-4	2/-4	1/-5	2/-4
300	5/2	4/1	4/1	4/1	5/2	5/2	4/1	3/1	4/2
Glen	7/4	7/3	7/3	7/3	8/4	8/4	6/3	6/3	6/4
Freezing Level*	900m	900m	900m	900m	900m	800m	800m	800m	900m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Gales expected on the highest tops leading to severe wind chill.

Forecast for Friday 26 Feb 2021
Weather: Some light rain or higher summit snow first thing in the morning. Otherwise largely dry with some sunshine, although ranges close to the west coast may see some thin low cloud at times along western facing upslopes. Rain spreading from the west towards midnight.

Maximum wind: Gusts to 50 mph on the higher tops throughout the day

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70%

Visibility: Becoming poor across western coastal ranges as patchy cloud lowers to 500 metres. Elsewhere only small amounts of cloud likely. Otherwise visibility generally good.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 3 rising to 10 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 3 Celsius
Freezing level: 1200 to 1500 metres

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